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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, the first full paragraph starting on line 7 and ending on line 8, should be replaced with the following:

If the base film 20 comprises a transparent plastic material, it is optionally also possible to eliminate the carrier film 38. The base film 20 and/or the carrier film 38 can be provided with markings 64 and/or printing 68 (see Figure 5).

On page 8, the last full paragraph starting on line 26 and ending on line 28, should be replaced with the following:

The base film 20 is a reinforcing layer which is known per se from labels. It is possible to use for example a plastic film. Preferably however a silicone paper is used as the base film. Also, the base film 20 can be provided with at least one window opening 60.

On page 10, the section title, starting on line 23, should be replaced with the following:

Markings 54, 64

On page 10, the last paragraph, including the section title, starting on line 30 and ending on page 11 line 12, should be replaced with the following:

Printing 58, 68

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As already mentioned, the printing 58 applied to the free surface of the adhesive layer 46 56 is produced by means of familiar printing processes, for example by means of laser printing, thermotransfer printing, and so forth. It would theoretically even be possible to apply further markings by hand, instead of a printing 58. Laser printing or thermotransfer printing however are to be preferred because in that case, by virtue of the transfer 5 film being fixed on the substrate and the effect of heat, it is to be assumed that the particles producing the printing at least partially also directly adhere to the substrate. If then in such a situation an attempt is made to detach the decorative layer arrangement from the substrate, it must be reckoned that at least residues of the printing serving for 10 identification purposes adhere directly to the substrate, so that it is not possible to detach the decorative layer arrangement without leaving traces.